GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4013
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AMENDMENT IN OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT
Rao Shri Kavuru Samba Siva

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Group to consider amendment in the Official Secrets Act;

(b) if so, the details of recommendation made by the said Group;

(c) whether the Government has accepted all the recommendations;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the nature of conflict observed between the Official Secrets Act and the Right to Information Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): An Inter-Ministerial Group has been constituted in the Ministry of Home Affairs to examine recommendation(s) of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission, relating to the recommendation(s) on the Official Secrets Act, as contained in its report "Right to Information−Master Key to Good Governance".